(c) what is the price fixed by Government and what is the price charged by the company; and

(d) whether it is a fact that officials of his Ministry are involved in the entire affair?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) A complaint was received in August, 1987 against M/s. Jagson Pal Ltd. about overcharging of the price fixed by the Government.

(b) On enquiries made in September, 1987 and in October, 1987, it was stated by the company that an extra amount of Rs. 757.07 has been charged towards reprocessing for conversion to extra pharmacopial specifications.

(c) The price fixed by the Government is Rs. 1,853.73 per kg. and the price charged by the company is Rs. 1,853.73 per kg. plus an amount of Rs. 757.07 per kg. towards reprocessing charges for conversion to extra pharmacopial specification.

(d) No, Sir.

Kelkar Committee decision to prepare a fresh report

1568. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee in its last meeting decided to scrap its report and make a fresh report on the basis of data, details and factual information submitted by various Medical Associations, Consumer Associations and Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, by when the fresh report is likely to be submitted to Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Price of Aminophylline tablets

1569. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1419 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aminophylline is under price control;

(b) if so, what is the price fixed for Aminophylline;

(c) whether it is a fact that Aminophylline is being sold under brand name;

(d) the names of three major selling formulators who are marketing Aminophylline under brand names along with the name of the brand and the price at which each is being sold; and

(e) what is the difference in price of each pack and strength being marketed under brand and generic name?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No price has so far been fixed for this bulk drug under DPCO, 1987.

(c) Formulations based on Aminophylline are being marketed in brand as well as generic name.

(d) and (e) Production of formulations is not monitored. A number of drug companies are marketing the formulations based on Aminophylline in different strength and pack sizes. Single ingredient Category II formulations, marketed under generic name and Category II formulations produced by SSI units, subject to certain conditions, are exempt from price control under DPCO, 1987.